

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-19 and 21-35, 37-47, 50-53, and 56-69 are pending in the above-captioned patent application after this amendment. Claims 36, 48, 49, 54, and 55 have been cancelled without prejudice and new claims 62-69 have been added with this amendment. Claims 1-6, 8-19 and 21-35, 37-47, 50-53, and 56-61 are allowed. New claims 62-69 are of a slightly different scope than the previously pending claims. However, these claims are considered to be allowable in view of the cited references.

Support for the new claims can be found throughout the originally filed specification, including the originally filed claims, and in the specification at pages 17 and 18, and Figures 1 and 3.

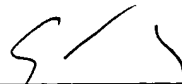
No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment. Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-6, 8-19 and 21-35, 37-47, 50-53, and 56-69 are patentable, and that the application is now in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 858-456-1951 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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